GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scottish Exploration firm Cairn Energy and Government have struck large quantity of oil and gas reserves in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to offer more blocks in Rajasthan for exploration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Hydrocarbons, crude oil and natural gas, have been discovered recently by the Operator, Cairn Energy India PTY. Ltd., a subsidiary of Cairn Energy U.K., at prospect E in block RJ-ON-90/1 situated in Barmer District of the State of Rajasthan. Earlier, hydrocarbons have been discovered in Guda well No. 2 and also at prospect H in this block. The preliminary estimates of initial `in-place` reserves of hydrocarbons for prospect H and prospect E are estimated by the operator at about 14 Million Metric Tonnes of Oil + Oil Equivalent Gas (O+OEG) and 21 Million Metric Tonnes of O+OEG, respectively..

(c) to (e) : Identification and offering of blocks in various States, including Rajasthan, under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) is a continuous process. Till date, 70 Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs), including 2 PSCs in Rajasthan, have been signed by the Government in the three rounds of NELP.